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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS



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REPORT OF THE Town Clerk

BIRTHS

1944

March 18	Fisher, Jane Carol ✓
April 16	Delisle, Margaret Elizabeth ✓
June 29	Drew, Sandra Maryellen ✓
Nov. 16	Searle, Robert Stephen ✓
Nov. 28	Bushey, Claire Marie ✓
Dec. 19	Payson, Charlotte Ruth ✓

1943

Sept. 27	Burt, Martha Dickinson ✓
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DEATHS

1944

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Feb. 19	Lewis P. Blakesley Coronary thrombosis	88	6	20
March 18	George Witherell Cerebral hemorrhage	79	8	21
Aug. 24	John W. Norris Carcinoma of left ear	81	11	29 <i>Brilliantly</i>
Sept. 16	Lafayette C. Reynolds Coronary thrombosis	61	1	27
Oct. 26	Edward J. Landry Carcinoma of left lung	50	5	14
Nov. 12	Elmer Bishop Compound fracture of left side of skull	29	3	25
Nov. 12	Leland I. Bushey Fractured skull	18		19
Dec. 17	Arthur J. Lambert Coronary thrombosis	81	1	16

MARRIAGES

1944

Jan. 13	Raymond A. Ferron	Williamsburg
	Susan Ella LaValley	Westhampton
Jan. 15	Alfred Joseph Messier	Springfield
	Ruth L. Cooley	Westhampton
April 12	Philip J. Norris	Westhampton
	Jean H. Warner	Williamsburg
June 28	Thomas Edward Hennessey Somersworth, N. H.	
	Helen Frances Crowley	Westhampton
July 29	Francis Edward Bridgman	Westhampton
	Barbara Anne Harvey	Northampton
Sept. 4	Alfred Oliver LaValley	Westhampton
	Geraldine Goldie LaFlamme	Easthampton
Sept. 12	Joseph R. Sarafin	Westhampton
	Millicent Mae Phillips	South Hadley

DOG ACCOUNT

Dr. to June 1, 1944

25 male dogs	@ \$2.00	\$50.00
1 female dog	@ 5.00	5.00
8 spayed females	@ 2.00	16.00
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		\$71.00

Cr.

To Town Treasurer	\$64.20
To Town Clerk	6.80
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	\$71.00

Dr. to Dec. 1, 1944

21 male dogs	@ \$2.00	\$42.00
5 female dogs	@ 5.00	25.00
7 spayed females	@ 2.00	14.00
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		\$81.00

Cr.

To Town Treasurer	\$74.40
To Town Clerk	6.60
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	\$81.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

20 Resident citizens Fishing	@ \$2.00	\$ 40.00
40 Resident citizens Hunting	@ 2.00	80.00
19 Resident citizens Sporting	@ 3.25	61.75
10 Resident citizens Women's and Minors' Fishing	@ 1.25	12.50
1 Resident Minor Trapping		2.25
2 Resident citizens' Trapping		10.50
1 Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping		Free
1 Non-resident Citizens' Fishing		5.25
2 Resident Military or Navay Service Sporting		Free
1 Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance Fishing		Free
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		\$212.25
To Town Clerk fees		23.25
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To Division of Fisheries and Game		\$189.00

CHARLES M. NORRIS,

Town Clerk.

Westhampton, Mass.,

December 31, 1944

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk
and find them correct.

MARION S. MARCOUX, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
Town Treasurer

December 31, 1944.

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1944	\$19,976.15
Taxes	
1944 Real Estate	\$7,592.39
Personal Property	3,670.75
Polls	178.00
Excises	543.51
1943 Real Estate	1,157.38
Personal Property	374.95
Excises	26.72
1942 Real Estate	173.06
Interest on Taxes	
1944	5.38
1943	44.82
1942	11.69
Demands	5.25
Warrants	2.50
Massachusetts Highway Commission	
Chapter 569 Acts of 1943	2,659.69
Chapter 81	5,795.37
Chapter 90	1,000.00
Hampshire County	
Chapter 90	1,000.00
Dog Refund	101.13
District Court Fines	25.00
Massachusetts School Fund	
Part II, Chapter 70	2,514.56
High School Tuition (1942-1943)	1,782.92
High School Tuition (1943-1944)	1,957.97

High School Transportation	1,645.66	
Vocational School Tuition (1942-43)	523.89	
Vocational School Transportation (1942-43)	677.20	
Superintendents in Small Towns	124.41	
Old Age Assistance		
U. S. Grant	2,305.05	
U. S. Grant, Administration	76.81	
State	1,761.32	
Meal Tax, for O.A.A.	215.36	
Aid to Dependent Children		
U. S. Grant	195.00	
U. S. Grant, Administration	4.56	
State	120.50	
Massachusetts Income Tax	1,917.00	
Corporation Tax B	771.61	
Income Tax Withheld from Wages	520.79	
Town Highway Dept. Road Machinery Acct.	994.10	
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	135.60	
Interest from Trust Funds		
Cemetery	69.11	
Whiting Street	27.74	
Thayer	20.10	
Wright	20.10	
Revolver	3.00	
Telephone Tolls (1943)	6.50	
Telephone Tolls (1944)	9.81	
Used Car Dealer's Licenses	10.00	
Victualer's License	1.00	
Milk Peddler's License	.50	
Discount taken	.17	
Refund on Window Sash	2.07	
	<hr/>	\$42,782.00
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		<u>\$62,758.15</u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$22,173.45	
Paid School Committee Orders	13,056.93	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1945	27,527.77	
	<hr/>	\$62,758.15
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OUTSTANDING TAXES

1944 Real Estate	\$ 1,340.73	
Personal Property	195.08	
Excise	19.95	
Poll	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,557.76
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ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944	\$ 1,615.86	
Income	994.10	
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	2,609.96	
Expense	582.71	
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Balance January 1, 1945		\$ 2,027.25

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Interest Drawn in 1944

Cemetery

\$2,000.00	Lucy Langdon Totman	\$ 45.00
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	10.05
100.00	Myra G. Strong	2.01
100.00	George Burt	2.01
100.00	Sarah Cook	2.01
100.00	Samuel Edwards	2.01
100.00	A. L. Searle	2.01

100.00	Emma G. Damon	2.01	
50.00	D. L. Brown	1.00	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	1.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 69.11

Worthy Poor

\$1,380.85	Whiting Street	\$ 27.74	
1,000.00	Wright	20.10	
1,000.00	Thayer, 1/2 to Town and 1/2 to Parish	20.10	
		<hr/>	\$ 67.94
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			\$ 137.05
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RALPH S. BRIDGMAN,

Treasurer.

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1944.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of thirty-five thousand two hundred thirty dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$35,230.38), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of twenty-seven thousand five hundred twenty-seven dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$27,527.77). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, tax collector, 1944 real estate tax, one thousand three hundred forty dollars and seventy-three cents (\$1,340.73), personal property tax, one hundred ninety-five dollars and eight cents (\$195.08), excise, nineteen dollars and ninety-five cents (\$19.95, and polls two dollars (\$2.00).

MARION S. MARCOUX,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Association of Mass. Assessors	
State and County Dues	\$ 6.00
C. M. Norris, Town Clerk	100.00
Western Mass. Public Welfare	
Association Dues	2.00
Gertrude E. Flint, Election Officer,	
Registrar, Typing	26.00
Silas Snow, Selectman's Dues	12.00
Hannah Crowley, Election Teller	8.45
Marion Mascho, Election Teller	5.20
Malcolm Harlow, Auditor	10.00
Edith Blakesley, Copying Town Orders	10.00
R. H. Tracy, Assessor	60.55
F. Webster Judd, Sealer of	
Weights and Measures	10.00
Ralph S. Bridgman, Town Treasurer	
and Collector	300.00
Walter Witherell, Dog Officer	10.00
C. R. Burt, Moderator	5.00
C. R. Burt, Assessor	35.00
C. R. Burt, Selectman	69.70
E. A. Montague, School Committee	30.00
Evelyn Tracy, School Committee	50.00
Howard Loud, School Committee	30.00
J. C. Hathaway, Assessor	60.89
W. M. Clapp, Meat Inspector	58.50
W. M. Fiske, Selectman	75.00
F. W. Blakesley, Selectman	70.50
F. W. Blakesley, Registrar	15.00
O.A.A. and A.D.C. Administration	
Gertrude E. Flint	100.00
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	\$ 1,159.79

ROAD MACHINERY

F. N. Graves & Son	97.52	
A. W. Stuart	5.25	
Cernak Motor Sales	4.15	
John Cernak	11.70	
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	254.38	
J. Russell & Co., Inc.	18.79	
Howard Blakesley	3.00	
F. W. Blakesley	9.02	
Fritz Backer	2.10	
Hector A. Arel Co.	80.32	
Manchester Co.	1.20	
Walsh-Holyoke Steam Boiler Works	20.00	
W. A. Riddell Corp.	8.02	
Consolidated Steel Syndicated	42.27	
Foster-Farrar Co.	12.49	
Richard C. Warren	7.00	
Charles R. Burt	2.00	
Clark Motor Co.	3.50	
	<hr/>	582.71

TOWN HALL

Western Mass. Electric Co.	16.48	
W. M. Fiske	10.50	
Charles Brambrilla	10.00	
R. H. Tracy	23.00	
	<hr/>	59.98

PRINTING & SUPPLIES

George R. Barnstead & Son	1.00
Hobbs & Warren	25.04
W. E. Londergan	87.50
Commissioner of Public Safety	.60
Robinson Seal Co., Inc.	12.84
Mark Supple, Postmaster	16.38

Ralph S. Bridgman	16.00	
F. W. Blakesley	3.50	
C. M. Norris	1.75	
	<hr/>	164.61

MEMORIAL DAY

Laura Witherell	38.19	
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INTEREST, INSURANCE & BONDS

E. Ray Ashley	24.64	
George A. Pease	152.95	
Sanders Insurance Agency	33.00	
E. E. Stanton	5.00	
Roscoe K. Noble	6.53	
	<hr/>	222.12

GYPSY MOTH

Walter Witherell	96.25	
Ernest Witherell	69.75	
Howard Blakesley	9.00	
	<hr/>	175.00

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Albert Delisle, Jr.	75.10	
F. W. Blakesley	13.50	
John Tylczak	10.10	
Allan Strong	10.10	
	<hr/>	108.80

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING & ROAD WORK

F. W. Blakesley	231.20	
George Payson	30.38	
Allan Strong	103.49	
Murray Clapp	5.63	
Henry Parsons	12.25	

C. R. Burt	36.00	
Richard Warren	518.70	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores	40.00	
Howard Blakesley	9.00	
Fred Challet	34.69	
Walter Witherell	2.25	
Merrill Witherell	2.25	
Walter Witherell, Jr.	2.25	
James Hickey, Jr.	5.00	
A. E. Witherell	195.20	
Ernest Witherell	4.10	
George H. Burt	159.00	
Harland Lemery	3.38	
W. M. Fiske	2.00	
John Tylczak	4.50	
J. C. Hathaway	37.50	
Frank Hathaway	37.00	
C. M. Norris	24.00	
	<hr/>	1,499.77

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

F. W. Blakesley	109.50
Howard Blakesley	62.50
Allan Strong	19.69
John Tylczak	77.07
Philip Pinard, Jr.	47.81
Murray Clapp	9.00
C. M. Norris	19.13
A. E. Witherell	161.50
Henry Snyder	184.50
Road Machinery Fund	119.60
Byron Brown	16.88
James Sleeper	6.75
Wallace Kaleta	18.56
Town of Southampton	20.25
Henry Parsons	188.31

George Payson	42.19	
Mahlon Parsons	12.38	
Fred Challet	14.00	
	<hr/>	1,129.62

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

American Tar Co., 14,242 gal. tar	1,830.00	
F. W. Blakesley, 407 yds. sand	40.70	
	<hr/>	1,870.80

CHAPTER 81

C. R. Burt	10.25	
Road Machinery	829.50	
George Payson	286.31	
John Tylczak	468.57	
Philip Pinard, Jr.	97.88	
F. W. Blakesley	1,012.50	
Henry Payson	234.25	
Allan Strong	542.26	
Howard Blakesley	448.31	
Myron Hathaway	12.25	
Ernest Witherell	4.50	
Wallace Kaleta	35.07	
Town of Southampton	38.25	
Philip Norris	9.56	
Fred Billieux	4.50	
E. A. Montague	73.00	
John C. Hathaway	6.00	
Murray Clapp	5.06	
Arthur E. Witherell	281.20	
Charles M. Norris	24.75	
Byron Brown	2.81	
Harland Lemery	30.00	
Henry Snyder	349.00	
	<hr/>	4,805.78

CHAPTER 81 MATERIAL

American Tar Co.	1,435.85	
F. W. Blakesley	42.80	
Ernest Witherell	1.00	
Federal Land Bank	101.40	
	<hr/>	1,581.05

O. A. A.

Case No. 16	398.40	
Case No. 27	113.00	
Case No. 33	30.00	
Case No. 30	432.00	
Case No. 32	480.00	
Case No. 14	542.36	
Case No. 28	523.20	
Case No. 24	398.40	
Case No. 25	420.00	
Case No. 21	360.00	
Case No. 23	480.00	
Case No. 18	487.20	
Case No. 4	65.60	
City of North Adams	125.33	
	<hr/>	4,855.49

A. D. C.

Case No. 1	360.00	
Case No. 2	105.00	
	<hr/>	465.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

City of Northampton	234.28	
City of Holyoke	35.88	
	<hr/>	270.00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	107.16	
Barbara Judd	115.00	
	<hr/>	222.16

LIBRARY

H. R. Huntting Co.	75.22	
Edith E. Grant	34.25	
Henry M. Parsons	22.50	
Marion C. Mascho	81.66	
George H. Knight	25.00	
	<hr/>	238.63

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Dr. Claire C. Manwell	37.00	
Jeanette P. Gregory	12.50	
	<hr/>	49.50

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

Jeanette P. Gregory	25.00	
Dr. Claire C. Manwell	25.00	
	<hr/>	50.00

CONTINGENT

Raymond A. Warner	13.60	
Boston Council of Social Agencies	3.00	
Todd Sales Co.	12.75	
C. R. Burt	1.50	
Harlows	1.35	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
William Howard	10.00	
	<hr/>	47.20

TAXES

Treasurer of the Commonwealth		
State Tax	726.00	
State parks and reservations	15.46	
Audit of municipal accounts	22.92	
Treasurer of Hampshire County	1,059.29	
	<hr/>	1,823.67

DOG LICENSES

Treasurer of Hampshire County	135.60	
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TRUST FUNDS

Thayer Fund for 1940		
Parish	10.08	
Collector	10.08	
Thayer Fund for 1944		
Parish	10.05	
Collector	10.05	
Frances P. Loud		
Wright Fund	20.10	
Whiting Street	27.74	
	<hr/>	88.10

WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue	529.72	
	<hr/>	529.72

JURYMEN WHO SERVED IN 1944

A. Lyman Snow, Jr.	Traverse Juror
John Ledoux	Grand Juror
Donald B. Lyman	Traverse Juror
Richard C. Warren	Traverse Juror

NAMES ADDED TO JUROR BOX JANUARY 1945

Myron M. Clapp	Farmer
Gilbert I. Flint	Mechanic

RECAPITULATION

Town Officers and Gertrude E. Flint	
O.A.A. and A.D.C. Adm.	\$ 1,159.79
Road Machinery	582.71
Town Hall	59.98
Printing and Supplies	164.61

Memorial Day	38.19	
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	222.12	
Gypsy Moth	175.00	
Bridges and Railings	108.80	
Snow removal, Sanding and Road Work	1,499.77	
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,129.62	
Chapter 90 Maint. Material	1,870.80	
Chapter 81	4,805.78	
Chapter 81 Material	1,581.05	
O. A. A.	4,855.49	
A. D. C.	465.00	
Public Welfare	270.16	
Civilian Defense	222.16	
Library	238.63	
Well Child Clinic	49.50	
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00	
Contingent	47.20	
Taxes	1,823.67	
Dog Licenses	135.60	
Trust Funds	88.10	
Withholding Tax	529.72	
	<hr/>	\$22,173.45

BUDGET RECOMMENDED FOR 1945

Schools	\$14,280.00
Highways Chapter 81	690.00
Highways Chapter 90	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	1,000.00
Town Officers	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	500.00
Town Hall	100.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00

Printing and Supplies	200.00
Library and Dog Fund	115.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Fund	100.00
Reserve Fund	600.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	3,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Road Machinery

WILLIAM M. FISKE
FRANK W. BLAKESLEY
CHARLES R. BURT

Selectmen
Town of Westhampton.

Westhampton, Mass.,
December 31, 1944

I have examined the Accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of twenty-two thousand, one hundred seventy-three dollars and forty five cents (\$22,173.45) for which proper vouchers are on file.

MARION S. MARCOUX, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

Board of Assessors

	Raise and Appropriate
Schools	\$ 4,750.00
Highways Chapter 81	690.00
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	2,500.00
Town Officer	1,250.00
Old Age Assistance	3,200.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	500.00
Town Hall	100.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Printing and Supplies	200.00
Library and Dog Fund	115.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Contingent Fund	100.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	1,400.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Civilian Defense	200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	250.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
	From Balance in Treasury
Schools	9,000.00
Reserve Fund	600.00
Road Machinery Account	1,615.86
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$28,885.86

State Tax	726.00
State Parks and Reservations	15.46
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	22.92
County Tax	1,059.29
Underestimates 1943 County Tax	67.99
Overlay	354.49
	<u>\$ 2,246.15</u>

\$31,132.01

Estimates receipts and available funds	\$18,144.46
Net amount raised on Polls and Property	12,987.55
	<u>\$31,132.01</u>

Personal Valuation	\$138,065.00
Real Estate Valuation	317,490.00
	<u>\$455,555.00</u>
Tax on Personal Property	\$ 3,865.82
Tax on Real Estate	8,889.72
Tax on Polls	232.00
Gained on account of Fractions	.01
	<u>\$12,987.55</u>

Tax Rate	\$ 28.00
December omitted assessment on Real Estate	117.60
Motor Vehicle Tax	563.46
Exemptions on Real Estate	74.20
Exemptions on Poll Tax	24.00
Abatements on Poll Tax	30.00
Abatement on Real Estate	14.95
Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements	13.75

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Neat Cattle	Swine	Fowls	Dwell- ings
1942	55	255	18	167	18	6097	178
1943	53	265	20	156	26	7550	187
1944	53	305	6	173	39	7994	183

CHARLES R. BURT

JOHN C. HATHAWAY

Assessors of Westhampton.

REPORT OF THE

School Committee

Appropriated at town meeting	\$13,750.00
Expended in 1944	13,056.93
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	\$ 693.07

EXPENSES

Teachers:	Money Retirement		Total
	Received	Fund	
Mr. James Miller	\$1,463.00	\$77.00	\$1,540.00
Miss Madalyn Wolfson	684.00	36.00	720.00
Miss Rachel Bridgman	1,221.00	59.00	1,280.00
Mrs. Eleanor Putnam	387.41	20.91	418.32
Miss Adah Judd, substitute			110.00
Mrs. Marion Mascho, substitute			13.00
Mr. Arey Dulfer, music			140.00
W. L. Rinehart, penmanship			60.00
Mass. Audubon Society, nature			50.00
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			\$ 4,331.32

Administration:

Supt. Charles A. Mitchell,		
salary and expenses	\$	317.89
Mrs. Evelyn Tracy, school census		10.00
Printing and postage		16.73
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	\$	344.62

Local Transportation:

Walter Witherell	\$	853.75
Charles Blakesley		730.00
Richard Warren		610.50
Chesterfield, transportation for		
Mary Dodge		68.25
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	\$	2,262.50

Books	\$ 171.40	
Supplies	118.77	
Janitors' Salaries	274.60	
Operating expenses	126.11	
Repairs and replacements	100.03	
Miscellaneous	21.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 812.57
Health:		
Claire C. Manwell, M.D.	\$ 100.00	
Mrs. Jeanette Gregory	90.00	
Dental certificate and supplies	6.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 196.60
Total cost of elementary schools		\$7,947.61
High School and Smith School		
Transportation	\$2,232.00	
Tuition:		
Northampton High School	\$2,323.28	
Easthampton High School	44.00	
Smith's Vocational School	465.04	
Chesterfield	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,877.32
Total expense for schools		<hr/> \$13,056.93
Reimbursements:		
Mass. School Fund Part 2	\$2,514.56	
Supt. in small towns	124.41	
High School Tuition	1,957.97	
High School Transportation	1,645.66	
Vocational Tuition	523.89	
Vocational Transportation	677.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,443.69
Total cost to Westhampton		<hr/> \$ 5,613.24

HOWARD F. LOUD

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE

EVELYN B. TRACY

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

FINANCES

We spent \$13,056.93 for the financial year 1944 to educate 77 pupils in our town for the school year ending June, 1944. Fifty-eight pupils had been enrolled in our elementary schools, five at Smith's School and fourteen at Northampton High School. The town has received reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amounting to \$7,443.69 which leaves a net cost to our taxpayers of \$5,613.24.

According to the tabulation of school returns for the school year ending June 30, 1944, our town had a valuation of \$449,067 which gives us a value per capita of \$1,114, which compares with the state median of \$1,186. The following expenditures are indicated by percentages and other comparisons.

Expenditures:

	Westhampton	*State Median
General Control	3.8%	5.5%
Salaries	56.7	58.0
Textbooks	1.9	1.6
Janitors	3.7	7.3
Fuel	.1	4.3
Health	2.7	2.2

* State Median for Towns of less than 5,000 and not maintaining high schools.

Average cost per pupil in High School	\$300.86	\$191.36
Average cost per pupil in Elem. School	120.86	114.77

Value per pupil in net average membership	6,236.00	7,717.00
Tax for schools for \$1000 valuation	10.92	10.20
Per cent school tax of total tax	39.0%	35.4%
Teacher load in Elementary Schools	19.	21.8
Per cent teachers of Elem. School with degree	66.7%	40%

From these figures you observe that we pay less for general control than other towns of our group. We pay approximately the same in salaries as other such towns. We pay about the same for textbooks but much less for janitors and fuel, and only a little more for health. Because of our high cost of transportation our average cost per pupil for those in high school is over \$100 above that of the median town. Since we have so few pupils in a three-teacher building, our cost for elementary education is somewhat higher than that of the median town. Our value per pupil is less than the average and our tax for schools for each \$1000 valuation is slightly higher than the median town. Our teachers were better educated than those in the median group, since we had at that time 66.7% with bachelor's degrees and the median town had only 40%.

For the coming year we will need an increase in our appropriation since teachers' salaries have been raised and the cost of tuition for those attending schools outside of our town will be more. Transportation in the elementary school will be somewhat higher. The following table indicates our expenditures in 1943, our expenditures in 1944, and our proposed budget for 1945. We are asking for an appropriation of \$14,280.

	I 1943 Expenditures	II 1944 Expenditures	III 1945 Budget
Administration	\$ 307.68	\$ 344.62	\$ 315.00
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	3,660.00	4,331.32	4,800.00
Books	117.19	171.40	100.00
Supplies	91.84	118.77	100.00
Maintenance:			
Janitors' Salaries	208.58	274.60	300.00
Fuel	101.48	—	300.00
Operating Expenses	98.76	126.11	125.00
Repairs & Replacements	651.31	100.03	100.00
General:			
Health	250.00	196.60	250.00
Trans: High & Voc.	2,220.00	2,232.00	2,200.00
Elementary	1,904.13	2,262.50	2,375.00
Tuition: High	2,306.03	2,367.28	2,490.00
Elementary	45.00	45.00	45.00
Vocational	801.24	465.04	720.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	21.66	10.00
Outlay	39.50	—	50.00
	<u>\$12,812.74</u>	<u>\$13,056.93</u>	<u>\$14,280.00</u>

STATISTICS

The attendance figures for the school year ending in June, 1944, are as follows:

	Whole No. Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
James Miller, 6, 7, 8	25	25.71	23.64
Madalyn Wolfson, 3, 4, 5	13	11.50	10.37
Rachel Bridgman, 1, 2	20	19.40	17.20
	<u>58</u>	<u>56.61</u>	<u>51.21</u>

STAFF

Miss Wolfson resigned her position in the summer to accept employment in her home city, Chicopee. Mrs. Judd, a former teacher from the Springfield public school system, was kind enough to take Miss Wolfson's classroom for the opening weeks of school, but we could not persuade her to remain for the year. We should thank her for her excellent service and cooperation for that period. We were fortunate in securing Mrs. Eleanor Putnam, who graduated from North Adams Normal School in 1928, and who had taught in West Chesterfield and in Easthampton for five years, to teach Grades 3, 4 and 5.

Early in the financial year of 1944 Mrs. Bridgman resigned as school nurse, and the committee was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Jeannette Gregory who began her work with us in late February. Her report is attached.

Beginning in the autumn we arranged for supervision in penmanship in our elementary school, introducing the Rinehart Functional Writing System. We also accepted the offer of the Audubon Society of Massachusetts to provide for supervision and teaching of nature study to all pupils in the middle grades. The remainder of our staff continues the same as last year.

BOOKS

We have purchased a number of new textbooks during the past year, particularly for grades 3, 4 and 5, as well as a number of single books for all grades to be used in the classroom libraries. For the coming year additional books should be purchased for these room libraries since a modern educational program requires more material for each student than is included in the regular textbooks.

PRINCIPLES IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

About three years ago 166 school superintendents of Massachusetts indicated a need for a course of study for the elementary schools in this state. Accordingly committees were appointed to study the situation and to recommend a course to meet this need. The first step undertaken by the committees was to agree on certain educational principles which would serve as a basis in planning the program for our elementary schools. They reported:

“The major purpose of elementary education is to insure opportunities for all children to develop those fundamental understandings, skills, habits, attitudes, ideals, and appreciations necessary for living in a democratic society.

“The curriculum, which is the sum of all the school-directed experience of children, must be so interpreted as to foster maximum child growth.

“We believe that an educated person is quite different from a person who has nothing but narrow academic knowledge and training; that the school has an increasing responsibility for providing the broadcast kind of experience; that a successful democracy depends upon the preservation of self-realization and civic responsibility; that every minute in a schoolroom, every lesson in arithmetic and science and language, properly conceived and properly taught, can help to shape ideas and ideals around and beyond the subject matter itself.

“We believe that all subject matter, all theories of organization, and all methods and procedures, should alike pass the tests of usefulness in child development. Nothing should be retained merely because it is traditional. On the other hand, nothing should be adopted or discarded merely because the fashion of the hour favors such a course of action. The children in our care

should be led to be and to become persons educated to live the richest possible lives and to contribute the utmost to their communities.

“In accordance with this purpose, the elementary school must apply the following guiding principles in its curriculum and in its organization:

“1) It must provide conditions that will foster growth in democratic living.

“2) It must realize that the child is a 'total person', and must recognize the value and need of integrating experience in the school.

“3) It must recognize and provide for individual differences.

“Since children differ, the amount and rate of development will vary. Consequently, each child's present state of development must be recognized, regardless of the grade in which he is placed. The standard set for the growth of each child should be the highest level that he individually is capable of reaching.

“Activities and procedures must be selected and adapted on the basis of individual and group needs. The following provisions for continuous growth are recommended:

- “a. Diagnosis of individuals needs through standard and informal tests.
- b. Establishment of flexible study groups within the class to meet the varying ability levels.
- c. Opportunities for the child to work with classes other than his own.
- d. A program of enrichment and self-direction rather than one of acceleration for the gifted child.
- e. Provision for increased time and guidance for the slow-learning child.

- f. Preventive and remedial procedures applied at the point of individual or group need.
- g. Advancement of the child to a higher group or grade whenever his achievement and also his physical, emotional, and social development warrant it.

“4) It must arouse and foster a desire for learning.

“5) It must conserve, advance, and establish the physical and mental health of each child.

“6) It must provide for the acquisition of basic skills and knowledges.

“7) It must emphasize desirable character growth.”

We are basing our daily work in the classroom on these basic principles insofar as it is possible.

CONCLUSION

I want to thank the school committee, teachers and parents for their cooperation during the past year. The school committee has always shown an interest in the needs of our boys and girls, have planned intelligently for the future, and have acted for the public good, above the level of minority politics. We have been fortunate in our staff who have maintained a high standard of education, and have given unselfishly of their extra time for the advancement of every boy and girl. Parents have been understanding with the teachers and the administration.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MITCHELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

December 31, 1944.

REPORT OF THE

School Nurse

To Mr. Charles Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools:

I wish to present to you my first report on the Health Activities of the Westhampton School.

I was appointed during late February, 1944, to replace Mrs. Mabel Bridgman, who resigned due to ill health, so my report starts with the month of March.

In early March the children were weighed and measured with satisfactory gains being made in most instances.

In April, May and early June, we had a mild run of measles with the closing of the school for a part of a week to prevent infecting those still well.

In June, Dr. Claire Manwell examined these children who had been absent in September and new arrivals to the school. The children were also weighed and measured before the close of the school for the summer recess. A home visit was made to all the pre-school children.

Three of our school children attended Camp Hodgkins during the summer and gained a total of $11\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. in one month. One of the girls was to be re-X-rayed in six months.

In September, Dr. Manwell examined 65 pupils, with quite a few defects found and reported to their parents for follow-ups. On the whole, the school is on the healthy side of the scale.

The children were all tested for eye defects, and the few that were found defective had glasses as a corrective measure.

The 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades were tested on the audiometer machine and five were taken to the Clarke School in Northampton for further tests. All were found to be alright. The audiometer machine, kindly loaned to us by the Hampshire County Red Cross is not as good as it should be due to the fact that since the war it has not been checked and the inability to get replacements for parts of it.

Twelve of the 7th grade pupils were given the Patch test for tuberculosis and all were reported negative.

I would like to close this report with a sincere "thank-you" to the School Committee for their help, patience, and cooperation at all times, also to Mrs. Mabel Bridgman for her kindness and helpful suggestions.

Respectfully yours,

JEANNETTE P. GREGORY.

Dec. 31, 1944.

REPORT OF THE
Memorial Library

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance	\$ 874.13
Bank Interest	104.80
Dues	5.00
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	\$983.93

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$ 9.11
Wood	15.00
Supplies	7.80
Plumbing	4.50
Books	5.45
Librarian's salary	18.34

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	\$ 60.20
Balance in bank Jan. 1, 1945	923.73
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	\$983.93

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$115.00
Dog Tax Refund	101.13
Reserve Fund	22.50
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	\$238.63


EXPENDITURES

H. R. Huntting, books	\$ 75.22
Edith Grant, magazines	34.25
Wood—H. M. Parsons	22.50
G. H. Knight, janitor	25.00
Librarian's salary	81.66
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	\$238.63

Gift of \$500 was received from the will of Edward H. Montague.

97 books were added, 88 purchased, 9 gifts, 16 magazines subscribed to.

Bookmobile Circulation:

Adult Fiction	191
Adult Non-fiction	84
Juvenile Fiction	176
Juvenile Non-fiction	84
 Total	<hr/> 529

Circulation:

Fiction	701
Non-fiction	75
Juvenile	685
Magazines	317

PHILIP J. CLAPP, Chairman
 HERBERT F. MASCHO
 LENA B. RICHARD
 GERTRUDE E. FLINT
 JULIA E. MONTAGUE
 WHITMORE E. BEARDSLEY.

Articles in the Town Warrant

TOWN MEETING,
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1945

Ten A. M.—Prompt

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to act as Superintendent of Streets, and fix the salary to comply with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 7. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 10. To take action in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(Other articles may appear in the posted warrant.)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Division of Accounts

State House, Boston.

October 17, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. William M. Fiske, Chairman

Westhampton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the town of Westhampton for the period from April 1, 1942, and of the town treasurer's accounts for the period from March 12, 1943 to July 26, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

REPORT OF THE
State Audit

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Westhampton for the period from April 1, 1942, and of the town treasurer's accounts for the period from March 12, 1943, the dates of the previous examinations, to July 26, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town, or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

The surety bonds filed with the town by the town clerk, treasurer, and tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The expenditures were compared with the selectmen's orders and with the selectmen's classified record of charges, while the cash balance July 26, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank, and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified by comparison with the treasurer's record of receipts.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitment lists of all taxes were added and reconciled with the warrants given by the board of assessors for their collection. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the recorded abatments were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The tax collector's cash balance July 26, 1944, were proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank, and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The outstanding tax accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the State and town treasurers were verified, and the cash on hand July 26, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The appropriations and transfers voted by the town were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and a comparison with the amounts chargeable against each appropriation disclosed that a few accounts, especially those voted for highway work done in cooperation with the State and county, had been overdrawn.

In connection with the overdrafts of state- and county-aided highway projects, attention is called to Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, which provides that when reimbursements from the State or county, on their contracts, are not received in time to meet the payment of payrolls or bills chargeable to these projects, the treasurer may issue temporary loans to secure the necessary funds; or, if the town desires to avoid such borrowing, the town meeting may, if sufficient available funds are on hand, vote to appropriate from such funds an amount equal to the State and county allotments for the highway project, with the provision that the State and county reimbursements be restored to surplus revenue when received.

The computation of the tax rates by the board of assessors was examined, and it was noted that the aggregate amount of appropriations raised was \$500 and \$600 less than the amounts voted in 1942 and 1944, respectively. This omission was due to the failure of the town clerk to report to the assessors the correct amount of appropriations voted.

It was noted that expenditures for old age assistance and aid to dependent children have not been kept so as to show separately the payments from the town appropriation and from the federal grants. Disbursements authorized for these purposes should designate the source from which they are to be paid, and it is recommended that payments be made from federal grants when such funds are available, any balances remaining in the grant accounts at the end of the year to be carried forward.

The recorded receipts for licenses issued by the board of selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare department were examined. The charges were listed and added, and the payments to the treasurer, as well as the disallowances were verified.

The accounts of the trustees of the Whiting Street and Wright Charity Funds income were examined. The recorded receipts were checked with the amounts of income transferred from the funds, the payments were compared with the cancelled checks on file, and the cash balance with a statement received from the bank.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on July 26, 1944.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit I wish, on behalf of my assistants, and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

Road Machinery Fund	502.13
Tailings	3.08

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Aid	\$ 75.00
Administration	2.99

Old Age Assistance:

Assistance	1,362.05
Administration	45.39
	44
	1,485.43

Unexpended Appropriation
Balances:

General	\$14,824.90
Town Hall Repairs	600.00
	15,424.90

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,160.18
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Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1943	\$ 68.15
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Overdrawn Accounts:	Levy of 1944	354.49	422.64
Highways:	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Chapter 81	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 273.26	
Chapter 90,	State and County Aid to Highways	7,750.00	
Maintenance	Estimated Receipts 1944		8,023.26
	Surplus Revenue		2,797.15
			9,503.64
			<u>\$41,905.84</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Thayer Charity Fund	\$1,010.00
Wright Charity Fund	1,010.00
Whiting Street Charity Fund	1,394.65
Totman Cemetery General Care Fund	2,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,211.50
	<u>\$6,626.15</u>
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$6,626.15
	<u>\$6,626.15</u>

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